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(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: SHARING DEBRIEFING INFORMATION WITH GOZ

REF: A) STATE 229223 (NOTAL); B) KINSHASA 5575 (NOTAL); C) DAR ES

SALAAM A-86 OF JUNE 12, 1975

1. REF. A REQUESTS EMBASSY TO RECLASSIFY DEBRIEFING OF BARBARA SMUTS (REF. C) FROM CONFIDENTIAL/LIMDIS/NOFORN TO CONFIDENTIAL SO THAT AN EDITED TRANSCRIPTION MAY BE TRANSMITTED TO ZAIRE GOVERNMENT IN FULFILLMENT OF PROMISE MADE TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU BY AMBASSADOR VANCE (REF. B), AND ALSO ASKS WHEN DEBRIEFINGS OF SMITH AND HUNTER WILL BE AVAILABLE.

2. DEBRIEFINGS OF SMITH AND HUNTER ARE BEING PROCESSED. THE APPROXIMATELY EIGHT HOURS OF TAPE HAVE BEEN TRANSCRIBED BY SPECIALLY CONTRACTED AMERICAN SECRETARY, AND TOTAL SOME 250 PAGES OF DRAFT. TRANSCRIPT IS NOW BEING RECONCILED WITH TAPES BY OFFICER WHO WAS PRESENT AT DEBRIEFINGS. WE HOPE TO HAVE TRANSCRIPTS COMPLETED AND TYPED FOR DISTRIBUTION AS AN AIRGRAM BY BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER.

3. EMBASSY AGREES TO RECLASSIFY BULK OF BARBARA SMUTS DEBRIEFING
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FOR DELIVERY TO GOZ, INCLUDING SUBSTANTIALLY ALL MATERIAL ABOUT

PRP LEADERS AND PRP ACTIVITIES INSIDE ZAIRE. THIS SHOULD BE GIVEN GOZ ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. CERTAIN PASSAGES OF DEBRIEFING SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED TO GOZ, BECAUSE OF US-TANGOV RELATIONS OR OTHER REASONS. THESE INCLUDE PASSAGES REFERRING TO SUCH THINGS AS: (1) PRP AND ZAIRE RELATIONS WITH TANZANIA; (2) PRP ACTIVITIES INSIDE TANZANIA; (3) EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN WOA OR ELSEWHERE IN TANZANIA; (4) DETAILS CONCERNING PRP DEMANDS, CORRESPONDENCE WITH AMERICANS AND OTHERS, ETC.; (5) REFERENCES TO A ZAIRIAN ARMY PRISONER-CUM-DEFECTOR IN PRP HANDS; AND (6) PURELY PERSONAL MATTER CONCERNING THE STUDENTS.

4. APPLYING THESE GENERAL CRITERIA TO THE BARBARA SMUTS DEBRIEFING, WE HEREBY RECLASSIFY AS CONFIDENTIAL/LIMDIS ALL PORTIONS OF DAR ES SALAAM A-86 OF JUNE 12, 1975, EXCEPT RPT EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING, WHICH REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL/LIMDIS/NOFORN.

A) PP. 16-17 (OF ENCLOSURE). FROM QUOTE Q. WHERE WAS IT FROM? I MEAN IT WAS TO PAKISTAN. UNQUOTE TO QUOTE A. YES. THAT SOUNDS RIGHT. UNQUOTE.

B) PP. 22-23. FROM QUOTE THEY INTRODUCED US TO A PERSON WHO THEY SAID WAS A PRISONER...UNQUOTE TO QUOTE...THEY WANTED US TO THINK THEY WERE TAKING GOOD CARE OF HIM. UNQUOTE.

C) PP. 26-27. FROM QUOTE WHAT ABOUT THEIR POLITICAL AWARENESS? UNQUOTE TO QUOTE...US RELATIONS WITH TANZANIA, DID THEY HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT? A. NO. UNQUOTE.

D) PP. 29-31. FROM QUOTE Q. TO CONTINUE THE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE DEMANDS,...UNQUOTE TO QUOTE Q. UGANDA? A. NO. UNQUOTE.

E) PP. 35-36. FROM QUOTE Q. YOU BROUGHT THE AMBASSADOR THREE ENVELOPES...UNQUOTE TO QUOTE...STANDARD FORM THAT THEY STILL HAVE PRISONERS FILL OUT. UNQUOTE.

F) P. 37. FROM TOP OF PAGE TO QUOTE...YOUR GOVERNMENTS WILL PUT PRESSURE ON TANZANIA. UNQUOTE.

G) PP. 37-39. FROM QUOTE Q. DID THEY GIVE YOU ANY INFORMATION WHY THEY CHOSE 60 DAYS? UNQUOTE TO QUOTE...AND HE WAS PRETTY CONFIDENTIAL

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SCARY IN THAT WAY. UNQUOTE.

H) PP. 39-40. FROM QUOTE Q. CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS LINE AT THIS POINT? UNQUOTE TO QUOTE...THAT'S THE ONLY LINK I CAN THINK OF. UNQUOTE.

I) PP. 41-42. FROM QUOTE Q. YOU SAID CARRIE COUNTED THEM AND THERE WERE 26 OF THEM? UNQUOTE TO QUOTE BARBARA: YES, I'M

FINE. UNQUOTE.

J) PP. 46-58. FROM QUOTE Q. DO YOU THINK YOU COULD SHOW US
ON THE MAP WHERE THEY PUT YOU OFF IN KIGOMA? UNQUOTE TO END
OF AIRGRAM.

5. ENCLOSURE 2 OF THE AIRGRAM (THE SKETCHES) MAY BE RELEASED IF
DESIRED.

6. WE PRESUME EMBASSY KINSHASA MAY WISH TO FURTHER CONDENSE
SMUTS DEBRIEFING TO REMOVE REPETITIOUS OR IRRELEVANT MATERIAL, AND,
OF COURSE, HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS.

7. WHEN DEBRIEFINGS OF HUNTER AND SMITH ARE COMPLETED, WE WILL
FORWARD COPIES TO DEPARTMENT AND KINSHASA INDICATING PORTIONS WHICH
COULD BE RELEASED TO GOZ. GIVEN THE VENTS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE
BEFORE THESE DEBRIEFINGS WERE HELD, NOFORN PORTIONS ARE LIKELY TO
BE MORE EXTENSIVE AND MORE INTERWOVEN INTO FABRIC OF THE QUESTIONS
AND ANSWERS THAN WAS THE CASE WITH BARBARA SMUTS, AND WILL REQUIRE
EDITING WITH A FINER TOUCH; NEVERTHELESS, THEY WILL CONTAIN CONSIDER-
ABLE
INFORMATION OF POSSIBLE LEGITIMATE INTEREST TO GOZ.

8. WE HOPE FOREGOING WILL ENABLE EMBASSY KINSHASA TO FULFILL
AMBASSADOR VANCE'S COMMITMENT TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO SATISFACTION
OF GOZ.
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